

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Membership of the Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The Performance Review Board (PRB) provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance scores to the Director, DFAS.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 27, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Hovey, DFAS SES Program Manager, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Virginia, (863) 815-3709.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service PRB: Teresa A. McKay, Patrick T. Shine, Leon J. Krushinski, Jerry S. Hinton, Kathleen D. Noe.

Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective November 27, 2007.

Dated: October 11, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Army Science Board Plenary Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR 102-3.140 through 160), the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date(s) of Meeting:* October 30-31 and November 1, 2007.

*Time(s) of Meeting:*

0800-1700, October 30, 2007.

0800-1700, October 31, 2007.

0800-1200, November 1, 2007.

*Place of Meeting:* Marriott Seattle Airport, 3201 South 17th Street, Seattle, WA 98188.

Due to scheduling difficulties the Army Science Board was unable to finalize its agenda in time to publish notice of its meeting in the Federal Register for the 15 calendar days required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, the Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information please contact Ms. Sharon Harvey at *Sharon.harvey1@us.army.mil* or (703) 604-7466 or Wayne Joyner at *wayne.joyner@saalt.army.mil* or (703) 604-7490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Proposed Agenda**

*Tuesday, October 30*

0700-0800—Registration

0800-0815—Welcome & Administrative Remarks, Dr. Frank Akers

0815-0900—Commission on Army Acquisition & Program Management in Expeditionary Operations, ASB Sub-Committee Panel.

ASB Business Meeting

—Introduction of New Members

—Introduction of ASB Study Managers

—State of ASB, FY08 ASB Challenges

—Annual Ethics Briefing, SJA Ft.

Lewis

—Briefing on Defense Travel Service,

COL Ierardi

1200-1300—Lunch on your own

1415-1600—Tour of Microsoft

Technology Division

*Wednesday, October 31*

0800-0815—Welcome remarks from

LTG Charles Jacoby, Jr.

Commanding General I Corp and

Fort Lewis

0815-0845—I Corp and Fort Lewis Brief

0845-0950—I Corp and Fort Lewis

initiatives for support to the Global

War on Terrorism

—Warrior Training Leader

Development Center—Stryker

—Senior Leader Wellness

Enhancement Program

—Soldier Wellness Assessment Pilot

Program

—Family Assessment and Mental

Evaluation

0950-1005—Break

1005-1045—I Corp and Fort Lewis initiatives for support to the Global War on Terrorism

—Raindrops and Rainbows

—Jensen Family Health and Fitness Center

—Family Center of Excellence (video)

1045-1145—Overview of 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Combat Operations and Lessons Learned

1200-1300—Lunch

1300-1615—Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 and Battle Command Training Center

**Thursday, November 1**

0730-1100—FY08 Studies Discussion, Dr. Akers & Study Chairs

1100-1130—Re-Group and Farewell, Dr. Akers

1200/Noon—Adjourn/Attendees Depart for Home

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Defense Acquisition Regulations System****Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With Italy**

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Request for industry feedback regarding experience in public (defense) procurements conducted by Italy.

**SUMMARY:** DoD has had a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Italy since September 11, 1978. DoD is commencing negotiation of an updated RDP MOU with Italy and is soliciting input from U.S. industry that has had experience participating in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces. The current RDP MOU involves reciprocal waivers of buy-national laws by each country; the replacement RDP MOU is expected to continue these waivers. This means that Italy will continue to be listed as one of the "qualifying countries" in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) at 225.872-1, and

that offers of products of Italy would continue to be exempt from the U.S. Buy American Act and Balance of Payments Program policy that would otherwise require DoD to add 50 percent to the price of the foreign products when evaluating offers. This also means that U.S. products should be exempt from any analogous "Buy Italian" law or policy applicable to procurements by the Italian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces. DoD is interested in comments relating to the transparency, integrity, and general fairness of Italy's public (defense) procurement processes. DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and Italy when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products of the other country.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to: Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, ATTN: OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (CPIC), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060; or by e-mail to [nancy.dowling@osd.mil](mailto:nancy.dowling@osd.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nancy Dowling, telephone 703-697-9352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Reciprocal Defense Procurement MOUs DoD has with 21 countries are signed at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of RDP MOUs is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of defense equipment with allies and friendly governments. It provides a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that affect effective defense cooperation. Based on the MOU, each country affords the other certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. For 19 of the 21 RDP MOU countries, including Italy, these benefits include evaluation of offers without applying price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American Act and the Balance of Payments Program. For all RDP MOU countries, two additional benefits are that (1) the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b does not apply to products manufactured in the RDP MOU partner country, and (2) the United States does not include customs, taxes, and duties in the evaluation of offers and waives charges for customs and duties for procurements to which the RDP MOU applies.

The United States and Italy originally entered into a RDP MOU on September

11, 1978. All of the countries with which DoD has RDP MOUs are identified in DFARS 225.872-1. If DoD determines that it would continue to be inconsistent with the public interest to apply the restrictions of the Buy American Act to the acquisition of Italian defense equipment and supplies, Italy would remain on the list in DFARS 225.872-1(a).

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to publication of notices of proposed purchases; the content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases; notification to each unsuccessful offeror; feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and providing for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

While DoD is evaluating Italy's laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in Italy's public defense procurements. Therefore, DoD is asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of Italy's Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces to provide input as to whether the procurements were conducted in accordance with published procedures with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Guidance Memoranda for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District have developed the six guidance memoranda required

by the programmatic regulations for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan for approval by the Secretary of the Army. The public is invited to review and comment on the revised final draft of the guidance memoranda prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District.

**DATES:** We will accept comments until December 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment on the guidance memoranda, you may submit your comments by either of these methods:

1. *You may submit written comments to:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Stu Appelbaum, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

2. *You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to:* [GMComments@usace.army.mil](mailto:GMComments@usace.army.mil).

If submitting comments by electronic format, please submit them in ASCII file format or Word file format and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please include your name and return e-mail address in your e-mail message. Please note that your e-mail address will not be retained at the termination of the public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stu Appelbaum, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, phone (904) 232-2584; fax (904) 232-1251.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 12, 2003 the Department of the Army published the final rule in the **Federal Register** that established the programmatic regulations required by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 as 33 CFR Part 385. Section 385.5 of the programmatic regulations requires that the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District develop, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Commerce, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, six guidance memoranda for approval by the Secretary of the Army. Guidance memoranda are program-wide procedures and processes needed to guide implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and to ensure that the goals and purposes of the Plan are achieved. The programmatic regulations require that the Secretary of the Army afford the